



Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

WEAPONLESS DEFENSE DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday
February 15, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department, 1800 E. Wardlow Rd.

Members of Weaponless Defense Tactics Team will be our guest speakers at this month's Community Crime Prevention meeting. Join us for an informative and a special demonstration by Instructor Officers of our Advanced Officer Training Class.

*This is a free presentation for everyone in the community!
Come out and join us!*

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UPCOMING EVENTS/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Thursday, February 23, 2006, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Transition Age Youth Resource Fair - Dept. of Children and Family Services
Lakewood Country Club, 3101 East Carson Street, Long Beach.
For further information contact: Sila Sagala (562) 497-3306.
- ◆ Saturday, February 25, 2006, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Ice Dog Law Enforcement /Fire Appreciation Night
Long Beach Arena, 300 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach
For further information contact: Mark Pitree (562) 624-5563



WELCOME . . .

Sgt. Paul Sanford

Our new Crime Prevention Unit Sergeant

Sergeant Paul Sanford is the new Crime Prevention Sergeant for the Long Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. Sgt. Sanford joined the Long Beach Police Department November 1979. After graduating from the Police Academy, he was assigned to patrol.

December 1988, he was promoted a Corporal and later assigned to work as an assistant to the Patrol Division Commander from November 1989 until April 1990. He worked as an Administrative Assistant to two consecutive Patrol Bureau Deputy Chiefs from May 1990 until April 1991 when he was selected as a K-9 handler. He worked as a K-9 officer for about nine years.

He was promoted to Sergeant in June 2000 and assigned to work as a patrol Sergeant of North Division to supervise a Community Policing Team and Carmelitos Housing Team. In January 2003, he transferred to the Support Bureau where he was assigned as the Booking Sergeant until he was selected as the Crime Prevention Unit Sergeant in January 2006.

Throughout his 26 years with the Police Department, Sgt. Sanford also spent over 18 years as an Honor Guard as the Unit Leader of the Firing Detail.



Cell Phone Numbers Going Public

What you should know about the National Do Not Call Registry? Starting the end of January 2006, cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sale calls. These telemarketers will eat up your free minutes and end up costing you money in the long run. To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: **888-382-1222**. It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time.

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint. You can register your home or mobile phone for free. Your registration will be effective for five years.

REGISTER NOW



You can register your home or mobile phone number on-line at: <http://www.donotcall.gov>. Follow the registration steps from this website. You may enter up to three phone numbers and your email address. It blocks your phone number for five (5) years.

Check your email for a message from Register@donotcall.gov. Open the email and click on the link to complete your registration.

If you share any of these telephone numbers with others, please remember that you are registering for everyone who uses these lines.

If you need further information, click [detailed registration instructions](#) option.

In case of emergency...



EMERGENCY

Experts say identifying contacts in your cellular phone with the acronym I.C.E. could save your life! When a patient comes into the emergency room, the first piece of information they want is their medical condition and identification. Often, the people in the most serious conditions cannot provide that information, so a nurse must search through personal belongings, such as a purse or wallet looking for Identification and contact information for relatives.

I.C.E. stands for “**In Case of Emergency**”. Emergency services personnel recommend that you identify emergency contacts in your cell phone by tying ICE next to their name. If you have more than one emergency contact, you can use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, . . . etc. Many adults and children can use their cell phones as a valuable tool if they are involved in an accident, become ill or victim of crime, that will help paramedics, first responders or law enforcement officials to do their job. Having those contact numbers can mean all the difference in case of emergency.

TASER STUN UPDATES

The Long Beach Police Department's use of the Taser stun device has had promising first year results. The Police Department is reporting a reduction in complaints, injuries and related lawsuits during first year of the Taser's deployment.

The Taser stun device is a less lethal weapon that looks similar to a handgun but it propels two small darts attached to wires that can reach a person up to 21 feet away. The darts deliver an electric current that momentarily disables a person's ability to fight or resist. The electric current is very low amperage for safety but high voltage for effectiveness. Though the electric current only lasts for a few seconds, it is often enough time for officers to safely detain an individual. This is an excellent tool against combative, intoxicated or uncooperative subjects who pose a threat to others or even themselves.

The Police Department employs 985 sworn officers to protect and serve Long Beach's approximately 52 square miles and almost 500,000 residents. Between July of 2004 and June of 2005, collected data shows that the deployment of the Taser stun device is an effective tool for officers to protect both the community and themselves. During this period, **92%** of the 342 Taser deployments resulted in **minor to no injuries**. Additional data include:

- **Injuries to Officers: -25%**
- **Damage claims: -33%**
- **Arrests: +2%**

Since the introduction and department wide distribution of the stun devices in 2004, the Taser has shown to be a promising and long-term solution for a safe and effective less lethal weapon.



TRAVELING IN MEXICO . . .



Visiting Mexico can be an enjoyable and relaxing trip. As a visitor, you should take security precautions just as you would when visiting any large metropolitan area. Some simple words of caution would be to stay within the tourist sections of the city, do not carry large amounts of cash, obey all laws, and have a good time. The following visitor safety tips will help you to avoid common mistakes made by some U.S. visitors in Mexico:

Firearms and ammunition are not allowed in Mexico. Individuals and U.S. Law Enforcement officers may not carry a firearm or ammunition on their person or in their vehicle without permission from the Mexican Military, even U.S. Law Enforcement officers. You will be arrested if found in violation! Most violations result in a minimum sentence of one year in jail. Roadside checks by military or police are common.

Prescriptions are necessary to purchase

and possess medications in Mexico. If you purchase or possess prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription you can be arrested by Mexican Federal Authorities.

Mexican National Citizens may not drive U.S. registered vehicles into or anywhere within Mexico. If a Mexican National Citizen is stopped by Mexican Customs driving a U.S. registered vehicle, the vehicle will be seized without recourse.

Mexican laws must be observed at all times while in Mexico. Ignorance is not an excuse.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

There is a U.S. Consulate in Tijuana to assist U.S. citizens in handling emergency situations in the Northern Baja area of Mexico. The consulate can be reached by calling (664) 622-7400. If outside of Mexico, the number is 011-52-664-622-7400. To call the U.S. from Mexico on a cell phone, dial **001+Area Code+Telephone Number**.

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Auto Insurance is mandatory in Mexico. If you drive into Mexico you should have Mexican Auto Insurance. If you have an auto accident in Mexico, whether you are at fault or not, and you do not have a recognized insurance policy, you can be arrested and your vehicle will be seized.



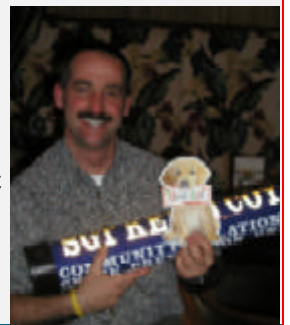
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

This month's Success Story highlights former Crime Prevention Unit Sergeant Kevin Coy!

In case you haven't heard, Sergeant Kevin Coy has left the Community Relations Division, and is now working West Division as a Patrol Sergeant. What you may not have heard of are the many successes he brought to the Crime Prevention Unit during his years overseeing this very busy detail.

Sergeant Coy restructured, reorganized and reinvigorated the Neighborhood Watch, Apartment Watch, and Business Watch programs. He was instrumental in improving the quality of the events organized and hosted by the Community Relations Division. The monthly Community Crime Prevention Meeting, community forums, barbecues, funerals (for our fallen officers as well as police dogs), seminars, grand openings, memorials, and other events were carefully planned, with no detail ever overlooked under his close guidance. Our first ever Advisory Group and Block Captain Training Days, along with Apartment Watch training seminars, were also orchestrated by our tireless sergeant, who spent more than one night sleeping on the couch outside his office while overseeing the planning of some of these events! Throughout these experiences, he was always chipper, cheerful and ready to work!

Sergeant Coy pushed his employees to develop new skills through training and experience, and members of his team are regularly recognized by the department and outside agencies for their accomplishments and strong work ethic. We owe this to Sergeant Coy, who leads by example in everything he does. He was recently honored by his team, who made sure he left his workaholic ways in the office, while we treated him to a well-deserved night on the town.



Sergeant Coy, we appreciate all your hard work, and wish you the best! You will be missed!

Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or e-mail it to Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov.

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